

TODAY'S PRICES

Mexican bank notes, state bills, 80¢; pesos, 54¢; Mexican gold, 52¢; nacionales, 19½¢; bar silver, H. & H. quotation, 85½¢; copper, \$23.50; grains, lower; livestock, steady; stock, weak.

LATEST NEWS BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

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Railroad Valuation Expert, C. S. Smith, Held in Siberia, Together With Russian, Former Assistant Minister of Railways; American Ambassador Telegrams Consuls to Intervene; It's Mistake, Bolsheviki Say.

PETROGRAD, Russia, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Charles S. Smith, of St. Louis, a member of the staff of John P. Stevens, head of the American railway commission in Russia, is reported to have been arrested. Mr. Smith is reported to have been arrested at Tschid, Siberia, in company with M. Ouzoumoff, former assistant minister of railways, who is held by the Bolsheviki as a member of the former provisional government.

UNITED STATES MUST REPLACE RUSSIA, DROPPING OUT OF WAR

Premier Lloyd George Calls on Britain to Raise Even Larger Armies in Order to Fill the Gap and Meet the Emergency Before America's Armies Will Be Ready for War; Tonnage Will Be Important Factor.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Russia has fallen out of the war, Great Britain must bear another call for sacrifice and must provide more fighting men to meet the emergency until America's great army is ready to replace Russia, Premier Lloyd George declared yesterday.

The premier said that while the allies have superiorly in man power on the western front, and while there are considerable British reserves at home, nevertheless the allies must defend all fronts against the enemy and must have a mobile army ready to meet the any phase where an emergency develops.

Premier Lloyd George, who was speaking at the dinner of the Grey's 15th birthday, said:

"It is the worst moment, it is because Russia has stepped out, it is because the war can be ended only by the retirement of Russia, and it is because the allies know it, hence the desperate efforts that they are making to force the issue before America is ready."

Does Not Fear Parities. In his reference to the effect of the loss of Russia, the premier said he did not fear the extreme difficulties, but that there was an active minority of people here who were with the view that the letter was supposed to be a declaration of war, and that they had discovered a leader in the action of forcing the country into a premature and a relinquished decision.

No Halfway Victory. "I warn the nation," said the premier, "that there is no halfway victory."

REAL HEARD THE PEOPLE AID RESCUE HOME'S CHRISTMAS FUND

RIGHT heartily are the people of Paso responding to the appeal of the Herald's Christmas fund for the little boys and girls at the Home Home. This worthy charity is receiving encouragement in the form of dollars from people who want to see the little boys and girls have a good Christmas and enjoy warm clothing and bedding and eat wholesome food and have medicines when they are sick.

Miss Martha Cook, who has volunteered to aid the Herald, brought in \$120.35 Friday evening as a result of two afternoons spent among the business men of the town, and she is out again today. Subscribers are also coming in to the Herald by letter, in person from those interested in the work, but there will be a place for all the money for the little boys and girls at the Home Home need a lot of things, and it is the hope of the Herald that this money will be sufficient to provide not only the things needed now, but things needed throughout the year, such as school books, medicines, milk for the poor babies, and clothing for the children brought without any.

BIG GERMAN HOWITZERS SHELL CITIES OF ITALY AND INFANTRY ATTACKS

ITALIAN Headquarters in Northern Italy, Dec. 15.—Heavy fighting is in progress today on the mountain front in the north, east of the Breno river. The enemy is attempting to advance his positions as far as those west of the river, which would give him two lines of approach to the Breno valley and the open plain.

The chief Austro-German effort is centered about Monte Gervetto. There the enemy succeeded in advancing one mile in the direction of the reported attack in which he suffered large losses.

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MAY ABOLISH 2 STATE BUREAUS

Bills for Merging Departments Prepared by Investigating Committee.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Three bills are in course of preparation by subcommittee No. 10 of the legislative investigating committee which, when finished, will be submitted to the central committee for recommendation to the legislature. These bills will recommend the practical abolishment of two bureaus and the merging of one department into another.

Secretary of War Hopes That When This War Is Over It Will Be Found Unnecessary to Keep Up Large Military Establishment; Annual Report Reviews War Activities in a General Way.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Secretary of War Baker's annual report does not favor universal military training as a regular national policy. It was made public today, as submitted to congress.

Germany Is Securing Supplies From Russia; Trading Active; Rumor Monarchy to Be Restored

PETROGRAD, Russia, Dec. 15.—Germans already have begun to obtain food and other supplies from Russia, according to information reaching Petrograd today. Credit institutions here have been advised that trade has been resumed with the Germans at Minsk and other points near the northwestern front. New shops have been opened and the Germans are exchanging metals and chemicals for vegetables and furs.

Raiders Extend Gains. The cities of Rostov, Nakhichevan and Taganrog, in the Don Cossack territory, are in the hands of the Bolshevik troops, according to a report issued by the official news bureau.

Regular Fog Covers Operations. London, Eng., Dec. 15.—Fog dispirited the military situation in southern Russia.

Politics Interest People Most. The people of Petrograd are said to be more interested in the attitude of the Bolsheviki toward the constituent assembly than in the Russo-German negotiations or civil war in the south.

Britain Withholds Recognition. Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade in his weekly talk with the Associated Press replying to a question as to England's recognition of the Bolsheviki government, said: "We shall gladly recognize any government which we believe represents the Russian people. We are not yet prepared to say that the Bolsheviki are entitled to such recognition."

COAL SHORTAGE PUTS 100,000 OUT OF WORK

Hundreds Of Cleveland's Manufacturing Plants Forced to Close.

MANY WORK ON RUSH ORDERS

Hope Coal Will Reach the City by Monday, Allowing Plants to Reopen.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 15.—One hundred thousand men were out of work and hundreds of Cleveland's largest manufacturing plants were shut down today because of the shortage of coal.

NEW YORK SUFFERING. The companies affected, many of them turning out rush orders of war materials, depend upon the Cleveland Electric Illuminating company for electric power. Yesterday the coal shortage caused the Cleveland Electric Illuminating company to shut off electric current to manufacturing plants.

PITTSBURGH LACKS COAL. NO RELIEF IN SIGHT. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 15.—The most serious coal shortage in the history of Pittsburgh and vicinity prevailed at this time, with no immediate relief in sight, according to D. W. Kuhn, local coal administrator.

COAL YARDS ARE EMPTY. NEW YORK SUFFERING. New York, Dec. 15.—With half of New York's coal yards empty and suffering from a shortage of coal, the city is in a state of emergency.

CHICAGO IS NOT SO COLD DOWNTOWN AS IN SUBURBS. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 15.—A blizzard of wind and Chicago's tall buildings kept the downtown district warm.

WYOMING TOWN CHANGES FROM COLD TO WARMTH. Casper, Wyo., Dec. 15.—From Arctic temperatures to summer weather, Casper's experience yesterday, at 4 p. m., the thermometer recorded 45 degrees.

PHOENIX HAS LOWEST FIRE LOSS PER CAPITA IN U. S. Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 15.—This city is notable as having the lowest fire loss per capita of any incorporated municipality in the United States for the fiscal year ending July 30, 1917.

The War At A Glance

GERMANY is to make another peace offer in the Christmas season, according to an unofficial dispatch from Berlin, received in Geneva.

AMERICAN ENGINEERS AID. The services of American engineers have been offered as for the reconstruction of the railways, and major bridges have been tendered for the transport of food.

TRANSPORT OF TROOPS FROM ITALY. A general statement of the Italian army's position in the Balkans was made yesterday by the Italian government.

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HOME EDITION

WEATHER FORECAST. El Paso and West Texas, fair, warmer; New Mexico, fair, colder north central portion; Arizona, fair, clear.

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LAST CHANGE FOR ALLES, DECIDES PROBANT BERLIN

THE KAISER'S OFFER IS COMING IN USUAL CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

If the Entente Nations Don't Accept and Quit Fighting, They Will Have to Bear the Responsibility for the Bloody Fighting of 1918, Says the German Announcement; What Will Allies Answer?

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 15.—(AP)—The Kaiser's Christmas message to the German people, which was broadcast from Berlin today, was a final peace offer to the allies.

Always Ready to Receive. When Germany made its formal peace suggestion, some months before the United States went into war, it was the effect that Germany was ready to receive peace proposals from the allies. The latter countered by calling on Germany for a statement of peace terms, which Germany refused to give.

The Answer of the Allies. From yesterday's statement by president Wilson, it was clear that the United States was ready to receive peace proposals from the allies. The latter countered by calling on Germany for a statement of peace terms, which Germany refused to give.

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All Searched for Weapons as They Appear in Judge Landis's Court.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 15.—Extra detachments of police and secret service men guarded the court today when the members of the Industrial Workers of the World were arraigned before federal judge Landis on a charge of conspiracy against the government.

City detectives aided federal court attaches in guarding the entrances to the court room. Every person who was not known to the officers or whose appearance was deemed in any way suspicious, was searched for weapons.

Was Attorney For Defense. "That's all right," said the man who was searched, "I'm not carrying a gun into the court room, no matter who you are," replied Stern.

It Is An Old Land Grant. The Flats is an old land grant from Mexico to the Baca family of New Mexico. The claimants are heirs or descendants of the original grantee to the land, holding that the claimants were not entitled to it by law.

Stables On Rodriguez. The name of Abraham Rodriguez, of Los Angeles, N. M., proved difficult for the court clerk, and his insurance of English to Judge Landis.

Woman Troubled. A flight, said woman, recognized by one of the detectives as one who had the correct Spanish twist, looking straight at the clerk, said: "What's your name?" asked the court.

Defendant Looked Blank. "Five years ago," said the judge, "I could have sworn you that in your own language. Are you guilty or not guilty?" asked the court.

Witnesses Struggled and then said three distinct words: "Not guilty."

Attorney Vandever assured the court that Rodriguez knew what he was saying, and the roll call was resumed.

Join The Red Cross And Buy War Savings Bonds or War Thrift Stamps; Both Are Duties